

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2005**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2005, in the Library of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, in Bristol, RI. (Due to the Regional Financial Meeting being held on Monday, April 25, this regular School Committee Meeting was rescheduled to April 26.) The Chairperson, Marjorie J. McBride, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Present: Marjorie J. McBride, William A. Estrella, Jr., Thomas E. Skuba, Joyce M. Kinsella, John P. Saviano, Paul Silva and Beverly Z. Travers; Edward P. Mara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Grants; Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance; Leslie A. Neubauer, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: William M. O'Dell

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Accolades

23 Mt. Hope students participated in the All-State Music Festival at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in March. Approximately 2,300 high school students from across the state auditioned at Rhode Island College for positions in this elite group. Under the direction of Robert Arsenault and Vicki Boyle, the students practiced many hours for the grueling audition.

Senior Division:

Band Chorus Jazz Choir Orchestra

Allison St. Vincent Lauren Wells Lydea Irwin Alison Halaburda

Joshua DaPonte Shana Costa Michael Souza

Garrett Mattson Adam Cavalieri Kelsey Oliver

Victoria Thomson Bethany Sousa

Samantha Brilhante

Andrew Arcello

Molly Randall

Tami Cavalieri

Ashley St.Onge

Junior Division

Honors Band: Rebecca Copeland

Honors Chorus: Bethanie Ingerson

Orchestra: Jennifer Wells

Sam Carreiro

Chorus: Claire Randall

Jazz Ensemble: Carolyn Halaburda

A Mt. Hope High School student was selected by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council to participate in the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC in February. NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Congratulations to Alyson Rego.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Silva motioned to approve the consent agenda; Mr. Saviano seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Silva motioned to seal the minutes to the March 28, 2005 Executive Session; Mrs. Kinsella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence – Mrs. McBride ordered the correspondence regarding the Byfield fence received and filed.

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Skuba reported the next Subcommittee meeting will be Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 PM to review possible cuts for 2006, bids for auditor and setting up a few more meeting date to move forward with the budget for next year. Mrs. McBride encouraged those who have any questions about the budget to attend these meetings.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Recommendation #PC 2005-03: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy / Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy AC Nondiscrimination (First Reading)

Mr. Silva, seconded by Ms. Travers, motioned to approve. The motion passed, 7 to 0.

Recommendation #PC 2005-04: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy / Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy BDE Special Procedures for Conducting Student Discipline Hearings (First Reading)

Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Saviano, motioned to approve. Ms. Travers commented that the Subcommittee reviewed this policy in depth and consensus was to move away from the former policy. The

motion passed, 7 to 0.

Ms. Travers announced that the next meeting will be May 2; the agenda will include the items from the cancelled April 18 Subcommittee meeting.

PERSONNEL / CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Silva reported no new developments and requested discussion in Executive Session at the next workshop.

Mr. Skuba said his hearing with the ethics commission will be May 3rd to determine his status in regard to the contract vote.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Byfield Fence: The plans will be presented to the Bristol Historic Commission on Thursday, April 28 at 9:30 PM. Support from the public will be needed because of major opposition to a permanent fence on the Common.

Accepting Public Comment: It was the consensus of the Committee to allow public comment throughout the meetings; a decision must be made whether to set a time limit; the Policy Subcommittee will review the subject and report back to the Committee until which time

individuals will be recognized throughout the meeting with a limit of 3 minutes of speaking time.

Adopting Schools: Some schools are still in need of adoption by a School Committee member. So far Mr. Skuba has the high school, Mr. Silva has Reynolds, Mrs. McBride has Kickemuit, and Mrs. Kinsella will take Guiteras. Mrs. Kinsella asked that Principals understand that most School Committee members work and are not available during the day.

RIASC Annual Business Meeting: Mrs. McBride asked that anyone who would like to attend this meeting inform the secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

S2005-14: PERSONNEL (accepted in the consent vote)

A. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the School of the 21st Century, Before and After School Program, as listed below (pending sufficient enrollment to warrant running this program and DCYF CANTS clearance):

1. Jennifer R. Cardente Child Care Provider (Part Time)

Effective: March 21, 2005, for the remainder of the 2004-05 school

year, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

2. Sarah E. Costa Child Care Intern (Part Time)

Effective: March 21, 2005, for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

B. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CERTIFIED

Name Area/Level

- 1. Doris S. Blanchard General Subject Matter**
- 2. Cindy Laplante General Subject Matter**
- 3. Nicole Massa Elementary**
- 4. Lena M. McKay General Subject Matter**
- 5. Angela B. Pauline General Subject Matter**
- 6. Stephanie Tesoro Elementary/Sp.Ed.**

7. Sandra Warshauer Art/Sp.Ed.

C. CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for classified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CLERICAL

- 1. Janice L. Cotta**

BREAKFAST SERVERS

- 2. Linda Rae Lawrence**

D. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Deborah A. Fontaine from the position of Secondary Business Teacher and Sandra J. Brooder from the position of Secondary English Teacher as listed below:

- 1. Deborah A. Fontaine Business Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

Effective: June 30, 2005

Reason: Retirement

- 2. Sandra J. Brooder English Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

Effective: April 7, 2005

Reason: Retirement

Recommendation #S 2005-15: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint an Owner's Representative to the Building Committee.

Mr. Silva motioned to approve; Mr. Estrella seconded. Mr. Skuba motioned to table this recommendation to next month's business meeting because the Building Committee is in the process of developing an RFO. Mr. Estrella agreed with tabling as long as this will not delay the timeline and seconded the motion. The motion to table passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Skuba said keeping to the expected timeline is dependent upon the relationship with abutters and the Historic Commission. The Committee will receive the architect's timeline as soon as it is available. It is important for Administration to be kept apprised of any changes to the timeline for planning purposes and providing information to parents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:35 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Silva motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:50 PM to discuss the request for reimbursement of legal fees. Mr. Estrella seconded. The

motion passed unanimously.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 8:10 PM

Discussed in Executive Session was legal advice on the reimbursement of legal fees.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:12 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Travers, seconded by Mr. Estrella, motioned to adjourn at 8:12 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Skuba, Treasure (in the absence of Mr. O'Dell)

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